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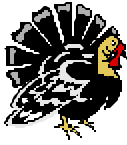
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was steady to barely steady. Demand light. Offerings adequate to ample. No trading reported. The market tone on bulk parts, meat and rib breasts steady to barely steady. Demand and trading slow. Offerings mixed.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand light to instances moderate with increased interest noted on tom drums for export. Trading slow with activity centered on tom drums and tom full-cut wings. Offerings light to fully adequate, mostly light to adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 29, 2005**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	70-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	70-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF DEC 30, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF OCTOBER	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	74.63 **	81.70 **	74.00 **	EASTERN REGION	82.60	85.75	76.05
CENTRAL REGION	74.50 **	81.40 **	75.00 **	CENTRAL REGION	82.26	85.39	77.00
WESTERN REGION	74.63 **	81.70 **	76.00 **	WESTERN REGION	82.86	85.73	78.07
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	73.13 **	79.10 **	67.00 **	EASTERN REGION	80.64	83.63	69.69
CENTRAL REGION	72.63 **	78.00	67.00 **	CENTRAL REGION	80.38	83.67	69.44
WESTERN REGION	73.13 **	79.40 **	68.00 **	WESTERN REGION	80.71	83.75	70.87

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	84-91
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	84-89
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	84-89

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-129

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Jan 02, 2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	93.00	4,000
16-24 lbs.	--	--

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	--
16-24 lbs.	--	--

Total Volume:	4,000
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TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 24-Dec-2005 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG	
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT		
North East	606	-22	24.05	(A)	606	24.05
South Atlantic	427	-37	35.43	(A)	427	35.43
North Central	1,630	-19	33.60	(A)	1,630	33.60
South Central	513	-21	19.38	(A)	513	19.38
West	295	-26	24.35	(A)	295	24.35
U.S. total	3,471(B)	-23	29.27	0	3,471	29.27

To-date

2005 225,995(B) 211 226,206

To-date

2004 220,690(B) 353 221,043

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 10,000; for the current year to date 1,235,000; for last year to date 2,547,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

November	442,007*
December 1 - 24, 2005	340,898*

To date 2005 5,108,127*

To date 2004 4,968,808*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
<u>Thousands</u>					
W/E 24-Dec-2005					
Head	1,559	1,902	10	0	3,471
Avg Wt	16.53	39.71	28.61	0.00	29.27
Last week	1,937	2,564	19	1	4,521
Same wk yr ago	1,180	1,628	10	0	2,818
Avg Wt	16.98	38.29	24.53	0.00	29.32
To-date/2005	93,676	131,084	1,235	211	226,206
To-date/2004	88,417	129,726	2,547	353	221,043

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT. INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 29 DECEMBER 2005.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady to barely steady. Demand light consisting mostly of distributive interest. Offerings adequate on tom drums, balance adequate to instances ample. Increased market activity was noted on frozen wing meat with skin and scapula, balance of white meat slow. Offerings of white meat adequate to ample. Trading slow to instances moderate with activity centered on scapula and wing meat with skin. For domestic: frozen thigh trim 55, fresh scapula 118-126, fresh breast trim 165 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	120.00		120.00	7
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	39.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	39.00		39.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	29.00-30.00		29.47	114
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	43.00		43.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	41.00		41.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	113.00	20
NECKS, TOM	33.00-35.00		33.38	74
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	220.00-235.00		229.00	50
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	220.00		220.00	80
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	99.00-101.00		99.86	140
BREAST TRIM MEAT	158.00		158.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	108.00-110.00		109.08	130
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	200.00		200.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	210.00-212.00		211.25	32
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	69.00-70.00		69.67	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	20.00	6
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.50		39.50	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	33.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	95.00		95.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on white meat was steady to instances weak with caution noted as some industry members waiting until next week for further market developments. Demand seasonally light. Offerings adequate to ample. Some increased inquiry was noted on tom drums into export channels for 2006. Trading mostly slow on all items. For domestic: frozen -20% mechanically separated -90 days age 18, fresh scapula 115-118 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/ R	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	120.00	7	116.60	47
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00-39.00		38.21	47	38.21	47
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	37.00-38.00		37.50	80	38.25	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	80	42.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	29.00-31.00		29.69	61	29.49	195
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	43.00	14	43.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	41.00	40	40.33	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	113.00	20		
NECKS, TOM	34.00		34.00	40	33.60	114
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	215.00		215.00	20	225.00	70
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	210.00-215.00		212.50	160	215.00	240
THIGH MEAT	95.00		95.00	40	95.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	97.00-99.00		97.79	66	99.19	206
BREAST TRIM MEAT	153.00		153.00	23	158.31	143
SCAPULA MEAT	110.00		110.00	26	109.23	156
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	200.00	20	198.00	100
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	80	69.25	320
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	203.00-210.00		204.40	50	207.07	82
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	80	18.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	19.00-22.00		20.43	204	20.42	210
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.00-38.50		38.28	92	38.50	172
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	29.00		29.00	30	29.00	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	33.00	20	33.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	95.00	40	95.00	40

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